## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 17 as follows

R<sup>5</sup> is selected from a group NHC(O)OR<sup>9</sup>, NHC(O)R<sup>9</sup>, NHS(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, C(O)R<sup>9</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>9</sup>, S(O)R<sup>9</sup>, S(O)OR<sup>9</sup>, S(O)OR<sup>9</sup>, C(O)NR<sup>10</sup> R<sup>11</sup>, S(O)NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup> S(O)ONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup> where R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup> or R<sup>11</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted hydrocarbyl and optionally substituted heterocyclyl and R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may additionally form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring which optionally contains further heteroatoms;

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 1 as follows

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen, optionally substituted substituted hydrocarbyl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 3 as follows

R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxymethyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy)methyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-5</sub>alkynyl, a phenyl group, a benzyl group or a 5-6-membered heterocyclic group with 1-3 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may be aromatic or non-aromatic and may be saturated (linked via a ring carbon or nitrogen atom) or unsaturated (linked via a ring carbon atom), and which phenyl, benzyl or heterocyclic group may bear on one or more ring carbon atoms up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphanyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl, N-N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulphonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylamino, and a saturated heterocyclic group selected from morpholino, thiomorpholino, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl and pyrazolidinyl, which saturated heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro and  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl[[,]]; and

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 27 as follows in the preparation of a medicament for use in the inhibition of aurora 2 kinase.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, line 1 as follows

In this specification the term 'alkyl' when used either alone or as a suffix includes straight chained[[,]] or branched structures. Unless otherwise stated, these groups may contain up to 10, preferably up to 6 and more preferably up to 4 carbon atoms. Similarly the terms "alkenyl" and "alkynyl" refer to unsaturated straight or branched structures containing for example from 2 to 10, preferably from 2 to 6 carbon atoms. Cyclic moieties such as cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl and cycloalkynyl are similar in nature but have at least 3 carbon atoms. Terms such as "alkoxy" comprise alkyl groups as is understood in the art.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, line 1 as follows

The term "functional group" refers to reactive substituents such as nitro, cyano, halo, oxo, = $CR^{78}R^{79}$ ,  $C(O)_xR^{77}$ ,  $OR^{77}$ ,  $S(O)_yR^{77}$ ,  $NR^{78}R^{79}$ ,  $C(O)NR^{78}R^{79}$ ,  $OC(O)NR^{78}R^{79}$ , = $NOR^{77}$ , - $NR^{77}C(O)_xR^{78}$ , - $NR^{77}CONR^{78}R^{79}$ , - $N=CR^{78}R^{79}$ ,  $S(O)_yNR^{78}R^{79}$  or - $NR^{77}S(O)_yR^{78}$  where  $R^{77}$ ,  $R^{78}$  and  $R^{79}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted hydrocarbyl, optionally substituted heteroyelyl heterocyclyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy, or  $R^{78}$  and  $R^{79}$  together form an optionally substituted ring which optionally contains further heteroatoms such as oxygen, nitrogen, S, S(O) or  $S(O)_2$ , where x is an integer of 1 or 2, y is 0 or an integer of 1-3.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, line 16 as follows

In particular, optional substituents for hydrocarbyl, heterocyclyl or alkoxy groups R<sup>77</sup>, R<sup>78</sup> and R<sup>79</sup> include halo, perhaloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl, mercapto, hydroxy, carboxy, alkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, alkoxyalkoxy, aryloxy (where the aryl group may be substituted by halo, nitro, or hydroxy), cyano, nitro, amino, monoor di-alkyl amino, oximino or S(O)<sub>y</sub>R<sup>90</sup> where y is as defined above and R<sup>90</sup> is a hydrocarbyl group such as alkyl.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 3 as follows 2)  $-R^{a}X^{2}C(O)R^{19}$  (wherein  $X^{2}$  represents -O- or -NR<sup>20</sup>- (in which R<sup>20</sup> represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group) and R<sup>19</sup> represents C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR<sup>21</sup>R<sup>22</sup> or

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-OR<sup>23</sup> (wherein R<sup>21</sup>, R<sup>22</sup> and R<sup>23</sup> which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group));

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 8 as follows

3) -R<sup>b</sup>X<sup>3</sup>R<sup>24</sup> (wherein X<sup>3</sup> represents -O-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -OC(O)-, -NR<sup>25</sup>C(O)<sub>s</sub>-, -C(O)NR<sup>26</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>27</sup>-, -NR<sup>28</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>29</sup>- (wherein R<sup>25</sup>, R<sup>26</sup>, R<sup>27</sup>, R<sup>28</sup> and R<sup>29</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group and s is 1 or 2) and R<sup>24</sup> represents hydrogen, hydrocarbyl (as defined herein) or a saturated heterocyclic group, wherein the hydrocarbyl or heterocyclic groups may be optionally substituted by one or more functional groups and the heterocyclic groups may additionally be substituted by a hydrocarbyl group);

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 27 as follows

9) R<sup>37</sup> [[(]]wherein R<sup>37</sup> represents a pyridone group, an aryl group or an aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, aryl or aromatic heterocyclic group may be substituted by one or more functional groups or by a hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or heterocyclyl groups, or by a heterocyclyl group optionally susbstituted by one or more functional groups or hydrocarbyl groups;

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, line 14 as follows

15) -R<sup>m</sup>X<sup>8</sup>R<sup>37</sup> (wherein X<sup>8</sup> represents -O-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -OC(O)-, -NR<sup>52</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>53</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>54</sup>-, -NR<sup>55</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>56</sup>- (wherein R<sup>52</sup>, R<sup>53</sup>, R<sup>54</sup>, R<sup>55</sup> and R<sup>56</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group) and R<sup>37</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, line 18 as follows

16) -R<sup>n</sup> X<sup>9</sup>R<sup>n</sup>'R<sup>37</sup> (wherein X<sup>9</sup> represents -O-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -OC(O)-, -NR<sup>57</sup>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sup>58</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>59</sup>-, -NR<sup>60</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>61</sup>- (wherein R<sup>57</sup>, R<sup>58</sup>, R<sup>59</sup>, R<sup>60</sup> and R<sup>61</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, hydrogen, or alkyl optionally substituted with a functional group) and R<sup>37</sup> is as defined hereinbefore);

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, line 29 as follows

22) - R<sup>v</sup> R<sup>62</sup>(R<sup>v'</sup>)<sub>q</sub>(X<sup>9</sup>)<sub>r</sub>R<sup>63</sup>(wherein X<sup>9</sup> is as defined hereinbefore, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R<sup>62</sup> is a C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylene group or a cyclic group selected from divalent cycloalkyl or heterocyclic group, which C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylene group may be substituted by one or more functional groups and which cyclic group may be substituted by one or more functional groups or by a hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or heterocyclyl groups, or by a heterocyclyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or hydrocarbyl groups; and R<sup>63</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, or a cyclic group selected from cycloalkyl or heterocyclic group, which C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group may be substituted by one or more functional groups and which cyclic group may be substituted by one or more functional groups or hydrocarbyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or heterocyclyl groups, or by a heterocyclyl group optionally substituted by one or more functional groups or hydrocarbyl groups);

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Please amend the paragraph at page 9, line 11 as follows and wherein R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>,[[]], R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>d</sup>, R<sup>g</sup>, R<sup>j</sup>, R<sup>n</sup>, R<sup>n</sup>, R<sup>p</sup>, R<sup>pl</sup>, R<sup>t'</sup>, R<sup>u'</sup>, R<sup>v</sup> and R<sup>v'</sup> are independently selected from C<sub>1-8</sub>alkylene groups optionally substitued substituted by one or more substituents functional groups[[,]];

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, line 10 as follows

18)  $C_{2-5}$ alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino, carboxy (and particularly alkyl esters thereof[[,]]),  $N_1$ -di( $C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl,  $N_1$ -C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulphonyl and  $N_1$ -di( $N_1$ -di( $N_1$ -di( $N_1$ -di)) aminosulphonyl;

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, line 20 as follows

22) - R<sup>v</sup> R<sup>62</sup>(R<sup>v'</sup>)<sub>q</sub>(X<sup>9</sup>)<sub>r</sub>R<sup>63</sup>(wherein X<sup>9</sup> is as defined hereinbefore, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R<sup>62</sup> is a C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylene group or a cyclic group selected from cyclopropylene, cyclobutylene, cyclopentylene, cyclohexylene or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylene group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,

C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-4alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-4aminoalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-4alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1.4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1.4</sub>alkoxy and a group -(-O-)<sub>f</sub>(C<sub>1.4</sub>alkyl)<sub>g</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl); and R<sup>63</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1,3</sub>alkyl, or a cyclic group selected from cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>aminoalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy and a group -(-O-)<sub>f</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>g</sub>ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a cyclic group selected from C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl or 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from halo and C<sub>1</sub>4alkyl));

Please amend the paragraph at page 13, line 17 as follows and wherein R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>b'</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>c'</sup>, R<sup>d</sup>, R<sup>g</sup>, R<sup>j</sup>, R<sup>n</sup>, R<sup>n'</sup>, R<sup>p</sup>, R<sup>pl</sup> R<sup>p'</sup>, R<sup>t'</sup>, R<sup>u'</sup>, R<sup>v</sup> and R<sup>v'</sup> are independently selected from C<sub>1-8</sub>alkylene groups optionally substitued by one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, and amino[[,]];

Please amend the paragraph at page 13, line 25 as follows

In particular R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> (wherein R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl), or -X<sup>1</sup>R<sup>15</sup> [[(]]wherein X<sup>1</sup> represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -OCO-, carbonyl, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>16</sup>CO-, -CONR<sup>16</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>16</sup>-, -NR<sup>17</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>18</sup>- (wherein R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>17</sup> and R<sup>18</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl), and R<sup>15</sup> is selected from one of the following groups:

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, line 3 as follows

2') C<sub>1-5</sub>alkylX<sup>2</sup>COR<sup>19</sup> (wherein X<sup>2</sup> represents -O- or -NR<sup>20</sup> - (in which R<sup>20</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>19</sup> represents C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR[[1]]<sup>21</sup>R<sup>22</sup> or -OR<sup>23</sup> (wherein R<sup>21</sup>, R<sup>22</sup> and R<sup>23</sup> which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl));

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, line 6 as follows

In particular R<sup>15</sup> is selected from a group of formula (1), (3), (6), (10) or (22) above and preferably selected from groups (1) or (10) above. Particular groups R<sup>15</sup> are those in group (1) above, especially alkyl such as methyl or halo substituted substituted alkyl, or those in group (10) above. In one suitable embodiment, at least one of R<sup>2</sup> or R<sup>3</sup> is a group OC<sub>1-5</sub>alkylR<sup>36</sup> and R<sup>36</sup> is a heterocyclic ring such as an N-linked morpholine ring such as 3-morpholinopropoxy.

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, line 20 as follows

Particular examples of  $R^6$  include  $h-\underline{H}$  or heterocyclic groups such as  $n\underline{N}$ -morpholino. Preferably however,  $R^6$  is hydrogen.

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, line 1 as follows

heterocycyl heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one or more functional, alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl groups;

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, line 3 as follows

alkyl optionally substituted by a functional group or a cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl group wherein the cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl group may themselves\_be optionally substituted with one or more functional or alkyl groups;

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, line 18 as follows

Suitable optionally substituted  $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl groups  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  include optionally substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl any of which may be optionally substituted with for example nitro, halo, carboxy, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$  alkylthio, acetoxy, acetamido, hydroxy, aminosulphonyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkylsulphonyl,

trifluoromethyl, aralkyl, aralkyloxy, or aryl wherein aryl rings in the substituents may themselves be substituted with for example halo, nitro or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl.

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, line 25 as follows

Suitable optionally substituted aralkyl groups  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  include optionally substituted benzyl, phenylethyl or phenylpropyl, wherein the phenyl ring is optionally substituted with for example\_up to 5 groups selected from nitro, halo, carboxy, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylthio, acetoxy, acetamido, hydroxy, aminosulphonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonyl, trifluoromethyl, aralkyl, or aralkyloxy wherein aryl rings in the substituents may themselves be substituted with for example halo, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, nitro or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl and in particular nitro,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, halo, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl or carboxy.

Please amend the paragraph at page 18, line 3 as follows

Suitable optionally substituted heterocyclyl groups R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> include pyridyl, pyrazine, pyrimidinyl, pyrrolidino, furyl, tetrahydrofuryl, oxazolyl, morpholino, thiadiazole, indolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, pyrazolyl, methylenedioxybenzyl, thiophene, benzothiophene, all of which may be optionally substituted with, for example, one or more groups selected from nitro, halo, carboxy, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>4alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>4alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>4alkylthio, acetoxy, acetamido hydroxy, aminosulphonyl, C<sub>1</sub>4alkylsulphonyl, trifluoromethyl, aralkyl, or aralkyloxy wherein aryl rings in the substituents may themselves be substituted with for example halo, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, nitro or C<sub>1</sub>4alkyl; and particularly with C<sub>1</sub>4alkyl, halo or nitro.

Please amend the paragraph at page 18, line 19 as follows

Suitable optional substituents for alkenyl or alkynyl groups  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$  or  $R^{11}$  include nitro, halo, carboxy, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylthio, acetoxy, acetamido, hydroxy, aminosulphonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonyl, trifluoromethyl, aralkyl, or aralkyloxy wherein aryl rings in the substituents may themselves be substituted with for example halo, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, nitro or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl. In particular such groups are substituted by aryl such as phenyl, where the aryl ring may itself be substituted with for example halo, nitro, carboxy, or trifluoromethyl.

Please amend the paragraph at page 19, line 10 as follows in the preparation of a medicament for use in the inhibition inhibition of aurora 2 kinase.

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Please amend the paragraph at page 20, line 2 as follows

R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>.

4alkoxymethyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy)methyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenyl,
C<sub>2-5</sub>alkynyl, a phenyl group, a benzyl group or a 5-6-membered heterocyclic group with 1-3
heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may be
aromatic or non-aromatic and may be saturated (linked via a ring carbon or nitrogen atom) or
unsaturated (linked via a ring carbon atom), and which phenyl, benzyl or heterocyclic group may
bear on one or more ring carbon atoms up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>
4alkanoylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphanyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl,
carbamoyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>
4alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulphonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylamino, and a
saturated heterocyclic group selected from morpholino, thiomorpholino, pyrrolidinyl,
piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl and pyrazolidinyl, which saturated heterocyclic group
may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>
3alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl[[,]]; and

Please amend the paragraph at page 20, line 19 as follows

where R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> (wherein R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl), or -X<sup>1</sup>R<sup>15</sup> [[(]]wherein X<sup>1</sup> represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -OCO-, carbonyl, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>16</sup>CO-, -CONR<sup>16</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>16</sup>-, -NR<sup>17</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>18</sup>- (wherein R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>17</sup> and R<sup>18</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl), and R<sup>15</sup> is selected from one of the following groups:

Please amend the paragraph at page 20, line 28 as follows

2') C<sub>1-5</sub>alkylX<sup>2</sup>COR<sup>19</sup> (wherein X<sup>2</sup> represents -O- or -NR<sup>20</sup> - in which R<sup>20</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl) and R<sup>19</sup> represents C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR[[1]]<sup>21</sup>R<sup>22</sup> or -OR<sup>23</sup> (wherein R<sup>21</sup>, R<sup>22</sup> and R<sup>23</sup> which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl));

Please amend the paragraph at page 22, line 18 as follows in the preparation of a medicament for use in the <u>inhibition inhibition</u> of aurora 2 kinase.

Please amend the paragraph at page 22, line 21 as follows

Particular examples of groups  $R^{64}$  include groups listed above for  $R^9$ , and in particular are optionally substituted substituted  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl, optionally substituted phenyl, naphthyl or benzyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl such as pyridyl[[,]] or furanyl[[,]].

Please amend the paragraph at page 22, line 28 as follows

In particular, the substituents for R<sup>64</sup> include halo, nitro, optionally substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxymethyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy)methyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-5</sub>alkynyl, a phenyl group, a benzyl group or a 5-6-membered heterocyclic group with 1-3 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may be aromatic or non-aromatic and may be saturated (linked via a ring carbon or nitrogen atom) or unsaturated (linked via a ring carbon atom), and which phenyl, benzyl or heterocyclic group may bear on one or more ring carbon atoms up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanovlamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphanyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1</sub>4alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C<sub>1</sub>4alkyl)aminosulphonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylamino, and a saturated heterocyclic group selected from morpholino, thiomorpholino, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl and pyrazolidinyl, which saturated heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl.

Please amend the paragraph at page 28, line 16 as follows

2')  $C_{1-5}$ alkyl $X^2COR^{19}$  (wherein  $X^2$  represents -O- or -NR $^{20}$  - in which  $R^{20}$  represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-3}$ alkoxy $C_{2-3}$ alkyl) and  $R^{19}$  represents  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl, -NR[[1]] $^{21}R^{22}$  or -OR $^{23}$  (wherein  $R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$  and  $R^{23}$  which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-3}$ alkoxy $C_{2-3}$ alkyl));

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Please amend the paragraph at page 56, line 10 as follows

(iii) where R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>[[<sup>+</sup>]], R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are all hydrogen, X is oxygen, R<sup>6</sup> is 4-methyl-1-piperazinyl and Z is C(O), R<sup>64</sup> is other methyl.

Please amend the paragraph at page 56, line 19 as follows

R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1</sub>4alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>4 alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxymethyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy)methyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, C<sub>2</sub>. salkenyl, C<sub>2-5</sub>alkynyl, a phenyl group, a benzyl group or a 5-6-membered heterocyclic group with 1-3 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may be aromatic or non-aromatic and may be saturated (linked via a ring carbon or nitrogen atom) or unsaturated (linked via a ring carbon atom), and which phenyl, benzyl or heterocyclic group may bear on one or more ring carbon atoms up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1</sub>. 3alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanovlamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphanyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, <u>N</u>-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbamoyl, <u>N,N</u>-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C<sub>1</sub>-alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C<sub>1</sub>-alkyl)aminosulphonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylamino, and a saturated heterocyclic group selected from morpholino, thiomorpholino, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl imidazolidinyl and pyrazolidinyl, which saturated heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkanoyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, amino, nitro and C<sub>1</sub>. 4alkoxycarbonyl[[,]]; and

Please amend the paragraph at page 57, line 12 as follows

where R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently selected from, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> (wherein R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl), or -X<sup>1</sup>R<sup>15</sup> [[(]]wherein X<sup>1</sup> represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -OCO-, carbonyl, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>16</sup>CO-, -CONR<sup>16</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>16</sup>-, -NR<sup>17</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -NR<sup>18</sup>- (wherein R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>17</sup> and R<sup>18</sup> each independently represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxyC<sub>2-3</sub>alkyl), and R<sup>15</sup> is selected from one of the following groups:

Please amend the paragraph at page 57, line 21 as follows

2')  $C_{1-5}$ alkyl $X^2COR^{19}$  (wherein  $X^2$  represents -O- or -NR $^{20}$  - in which  $R^{20}$  represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-3}$ alkoxy $C_{2-3}$ alkyl) and  $R^{19}$  represents  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl, -NR[[1]] $^{21}R^{22}$  or -OR $^{23}$  (wherein  $R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$  and  $R^{23}$  which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-3}$ alkoxy $C_{2-3}$ alkyl));

Please amend the paragraph at page 59, line 20 as follows or a saltssalt, ester, amide or prodrug thereof[[,]];

Please amend the paragraph at page 61, line 13 as follows

where X, Y,  $R^1$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$  are as defined in relation to compound (VIC),  $R^{65}$  is as defined in-in relation to compound (VIC), and  $R^{68}$  and  $R^{69}$  are equivalent to  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  in relation to compound (VIC), except that at least one of  $R^{68}$  or  $R^{69}$  is a group of sub-formula  $X^1R^{15}$  where  $R^{15}$  is as defined in relation to compound (VIC), provided that when said one of  $R^{68}$  or  $R^{69}$  is morpholinopropoxy, the other is not a group of sub-formula (18) as defined in claim 18; and further provided that when when said one of  $R^{68}$  or  $R^{69}$  is methoxyethoxy, the other is not methoxy.

Please amend the paragraph at page 61, line 20 as follows

In another embodiment, the invention provides a compound of formula (VID) which is of similar structure to (VIA) above but in which X, Y, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>65</sup> are as defined in relation to formula (VI), R<sup>68</sup> is halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, -NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> [[(]]wherein R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are as defined above in relation to formula (I), or a group -X<sup>1</sup>R<sup>15</sup> where X<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> are as defined in relation to formula (I) and R<sup>15</sup> is particularly a group of sub group (1) or (10), and R<sup>69</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy optionally substituted by fluorine or a group X<sup>12</sup>R<sup>71</sup> in which X<sup>12</sup> is selected from a group defined for X<sup>1</sup> above, and R<sup>71</sup> is a heterocyclic group,and in particular a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S; provided that at least one of R<sup>68</sup> and R<sup>69</sup> is other than unsubstituted methoxy.